

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

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In Reply Refer To:
Maine Public Service Company,
Docket No. ER00-1053-015

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Dear Ms. Reed:

1. On June 15, 2005, you submitted, on behalf of Maine Public Service Company (MPS), an annual update filing reflecting changes to the MPS's open access transmission tariff (OATT) increasing the rate for Network Integration Service from \$31.08 per kW/year to \$35.16/kW/year. Your filing also reflected a new transmission loss factor, which is the same as the loss factor accepted by the Commission in Docket No. ER05-707-000.¹

2. Notice of the filing was published in the *Federal Register*, 70 Fed. Reg. 37,381 (2005), with interventions and protests due on or before July 6, 2005. Timely motions to intervene were filed by WPS Energy Services and Houlton Water Company (Houlton). Houlton also filed a protest expressing concerns regarding the filing.

3. Houlton notes that historically Houlton and MPS have engaged in discussions resulting in a settlement resolving the issues raised by MPS's annual filing under the formula rate. Houlton requests that the Commission defer final action on MPS's filing to allow the parties an opportunity to resolve Houlton's concerns. Houlton states that it is authorized to state that MPS supports this request for a deferral.

¹ See *Maine Public Service Company*, Docket No. ER05-707-000 (April 27, 2005) unpublished delegated letter order.

4. Pursuant to 18 C.F.R. § 385.214 (2005), the timely motions to intervene serve to make movants parties to this proceeding.

5. As the parties are engaged in ongoing discussions with a view towards resolving Houlton's concerns amicably, and noting that with respect to the last such filing the parties were able to reach agreement on all issues,² the Commission will accept and suspend this filing and make it effective June 1, 2005, as requested, subject to refund and further Commission order.

6. MPS is directed to inform the Commission no later than October 3, 2005 on the status of negotiations and file an amendment to its June 15, 2005 filing, as necessary, to reflect the resolution of the issues.

By direction the Commission.

Linda Mitry,
Deputy Secretary.

² See *Maine Public Service Company*, Docket Nos. ER00-1053-013, *et al.* (May 3, 2005).